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the submission of a substitute or supplemental verification or declaration in accordance with §2.20. A verification declaration required §§ 2.21(a)(6), 2.76(e)(3) or 2.88(e)(3), to be properly signed, must be signed by the applicant, a member of the applicant firm, or an officer of the applicant corporation or association. A verification or declaration which is signed by a person having color of authority to sign, is acceptable for the purpose of determining the timely filing of the paper. Persons having color of authority to sign are those who have first-hand knowledge of the truth of the statements in the verification or declaration and who also have actual or implied authority to act on behalf of the applicant. However, a properly signed substitute verification or declaration must be submitted before the application will be approved for publication or registration, as the case may be.

(d)(1) No amendment to the dates of use will be permitted unless the amendment is supported by applicant's affidavit or declaration in accordance with §2.20 and by such showing as may

be required.

(2) In an application under section 1(a) of the Act, no amendment to specify a date of use which is subsequent to the filing date of the application will be permitted.

(3) In an application under section 1(b) of the Act, after the filing of a statement of use under §2.88, no amendment will be permitted to the statement of use to recite dates of use which are subsequent to the expiration of the time allowed to applicant for filing a statement of use.

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§ 2.72 Amendments to description or drawing of the mark.

(a) Amendments may not be made to the description or drawing of the mark if the character of the mark is materially altered. The determination of whether a proposed amendment materially alters the character of the mark will be made by comparing the proposed amendment with the description or drawing of the mark as originally filed.

(b) In applications under section 1(a) of the Act, amendments to the descrip-

tion or drawing of the mark may be permitted only if warranted by the specimens (or facsimiles) as originally filed, or supported by additional specimens (or facsimiles) and a supplemental affidavit or declaration in accordance with §2.20 alleging that the mark shown in the amended drawing was in use prior to the filing date of the application.

(c) In applications under section 1(b) of the Act, amendments to the description or drawing of the mark, which are filed after submission of an amendment to allege use under §2.76 or a statement of use under §2.88, may be permitted only if warranted by the specimens (or facsimiles) filed, or supported by additional specimens (or facsimiles) and a supplemental affidavit or declaration in accordance with §2.20 alleging that the mark shown in the amended drawing is in use in commerce. In the case of a statement of use under §2.88, applicant must verify that the mark shown in the amended drawing was in use in commerce prior to the filing of the statement of use or prior to the expiration of the time allowed to applicant for filing a statement of use.

(d) In applications under section 44 of the Act, amendments to the description or drawing of the mark may be permitted only if warranted by the description or drawing of the mark in the foreign registration certificate.

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§2.73 Amendment to recite concurrent use.

(a) An application under section 1(a) of the Act may be amended so as to be treated as an application for a concurrent registration, provided the application as amended satisfies the requirements of §2.42. The examiner will determine whether the application, as amended, is acceptable.

(b) An application under section 1(b) of the Act may not be amended so as to be treated as an application for a concurrent registration until an acceptable amendment to allege use under \$2.76 or statement of use under \$2.88 has been filed in the application, after which time such an amendment may be made, provided the application as amended satisfies the requirements of \$2.42. The examiner will determine